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In re the Application of

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For: STRIP OF LAMINATION SECTORS AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A
MAGNETIC CIRCUIT FOR AN ELECTRICAL MACHINE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the November 21, 2002 Election Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the Species as shown in Figure 8, with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 1, 2, 4, 8-10, 11-22 and 25 read on the Species shown in Figure 8.

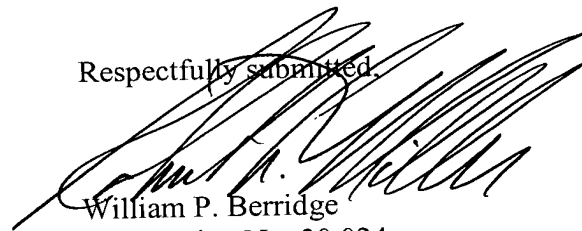
Further, Applicant submits that claims 1, 9, 17, 21 and 25 are directed to all species and upon the allowance of the generic claims, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the features of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits,

even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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